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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, July 15.—Oh, my! don't it rain! is an expression of the ladies these days when you see and talk to them.

Mr. H. W. Ehrhardt, with other friends and relatives, went to Newberry, S. C., yesterday. On the 17th instant Miss Annie Taylor will change her name to Mrs. Annie Ehrhardt, of her own free will, and on their return it will be Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Ehrhardt. Congratulations to the pair. Happiness and long lives to enjoy same is wished them.

There was a runaway pair married in town Sunday morning by Rev. E. A. McDowell at the residence of Mr. Frank Morris. Did not find out their names, but think the groom was a King from Orangeburg. They left on the train for Charleston as soon as knot was tied.

Miss Lucile Epting, Miss Helen Whitman and Master M. J. Epting, of Savannah, Ga., spent a few days with relatives and friends in Ehrhardt, as they journeyed to the scene of the wedding in Newberry on the 17th instant. Stayed such a short while in Ehrhardt until their acquaintance was hardly made before they left for new fields. Hope they will come again.

Mrs. Charles Ehrhardt and Miss Edrie Ehrhardt will leave for Newberry on the 16th instant to attend the marriage and visit relatives.

Mr. L. C. McKenzie went to Charleston Sunday to take his little daughter to his mother's to spend a week or two with her. Mr. McKenzie will return Monday or Tuesday, next.

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Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, July 15.—Mrs. S. F. Smith, of Florida, Mrs. Mary Mason, and Miss Youmans, of Scotia, were recent guests of Mrs. M. Moye.

Mrs. Lucretia Addison and daughter are spending the week in Brunswick with relatives.

Holbrook Williams, a bright high school boy, is visiting Mrs. Julia Hartner. Several parties have been given in his honor. The latest one was at Mrs. Sam Talley's.

Mr. C. M. Waters, of Augusta, visited Mr. and Mrs. Newton Loadholt, recently.

Rev. W. H. Simpson is visiting his parents at Ware Shoals. His mother being extremely low, has detained him longer than he expected to stay.

Several parties have been given recently in honor of the Misses Brooker, of Swansboro, who are guests of Mrs. W. H. Simpson. The one Wednesday evening at Mrs. Newton Loadholt's was a most enjoyable occasion. Refreshments were served in the dining room. Partners for this were selected by the girls being given a peanut each, in which the name of a young gent was placed. Under a beautifully decorated booth Mildred Loadholt dispensed fruit nectar all during the evening. In the book contest Miss Blanche Brooker and LeRoy Young won the prize, a box of candy.

Miss Margaret Youmans is enjoying a ten days' trip to Canada.

Mrs. Lily Myrick has returned, after a very pleasant visit to the Misses Creech, of Blackville.

Mrs. M. P. C. Youmans has returned from a visit to her mother in Virginia.

Mrs. M. Mason and three children and Miss Emma Youmans, of Scotia, were recent guests of Mrs. Lily Myrick.

Mrs. Gibbs, of Chicago, is visiting Mrs. Sam Talley.

Dr. Alex Talley is also a guest.

The Baptists here are arranging to build a new brick church in the near future.

Florida Sheriff Wounded.

Alexander City, Ala., July 16.—A posse led by the sheriffs of Tallapoosa and Lee counties engaged in a gun fight here to-night with a man who is believed by the officers to be the robber who blew open the post-office safe at Auburn, Ala., last night and escaped with about \$800.

Sheriff Lynch of Tallapoosa, was wounded, but not seriously, in the fight, during which more than twenty shots were fired. The supposed robber made his escape, but the officers believe he was wounded and that his capture is a matter of but a few hours.

SOLDIERS DIE FROM LIGHTNING.

Two Killed, Seventeen Hurt—All of Birmingham Company.

Anniston, Ala., July 11.—Charles Kirby and H. Rape were killed and seventeen others seriously injured, when the mess tent of Company B, 2d Alabama infantry, was struck by lightning early to-night.

One of the men injured is not expected to live. The injured were taken to hospitals immediately after the accident. All are members of the Birmingham company.

Pandemonium reigned in camp for several hours after the bolt struck. The mess hall was not demolished, although nearly all metal about the structure was melted, including several metal cups.

A metal artillery flag pole, against which one of the members of the camp was leaning, was melted, without injuring the militiaman. A peculiar incident is reported of one of the men injured, in that the print of his hand was left on his leg where the lightning shock was felt.

Although the ambulance corps reported within two minutes after the bolt had struck, it was several hours before all the men were identified. The men were just in the act of signing their pay slips when the bolt fell.

Hunter's Chapel News.

On Thursday evening, July 4th, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fender entertained a number of their friends at a six o'clock dinner at their hospitable home in honor of their son, Norman H. Fender, who was married on June 26th to Miss Elmore Griffith Anderson, of Woodruff, S. C.

The spacious house was a scene of loveliness in its decorations consisting of ferns, hydrangeas and June roses. In the parlor the many and handsome presents of which the bride and groom were the recipients, were beautifully displayed. The dining room was especially pretty in its simple decorations of yellow and white. In the centre of the table, which was decorated in yellow and white ribbon, was a bride's cake, elaborately decorated in yellow and white lilies, this adding very much to the attractiveness of the table. A two-course luncheon was served, consisting of a salad course and a course of ice cream and cake. Those presiding in the dining room were: Mrs. J. G. Rhoad, Miss Lucy Carter, and Mrs. J. H. A. Carter.

The out-of-town guests were: Misses Ruth Anderson, Woodruff, S. C.; Nena Rogers, Gaffney, S. C.; Eloyse Britt, McCormick, S. C.; Mr. J. B. Huckabee, Lowndesville, S. C.; and Rev. and Mrs. E. A. McDowell, Ehrhardt, S. C.

Miss Arrie Hiers is entertaining a number of friends at a house party. She has as her guests, Misses Elyose Britt, McCormick; Nena Rogers, Gaffney; Ruth Anderson, Woodruff, and Mr. J. B. Huckabee, Lowndesville. The guests have been royally entertained during their stay, many affairs having been given in their honor by the charming hostess to add to their pleasure.

On Friday afternoon the party consisting of Misses Rogers, Hiers, Britt, Anderson, Messrs. Simmons Fender, Clifton Rhoad, Claire Rhoad, J. B. Huckabee, and Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Fender enjoyed an outing at Clear Pond. A delightful lunch was served during the afternoon, after which the party went in bathing. The return home was made in the cool of the afternoon after a delightful stay.

The party had the pleasure of participating in a tacky party Friday evening at Mr. J. G. Rhoad's. Every one looked as if they had come from regions unknown, where civilization had never pierced through the veil and reached their back woods manners and crude, uncouth dress. Miss Ruth Anderson, acting the part of "grandma," was honored with first prize. Mrs. N. H. Fender and Miss Nena Rogers, tying for second prize, were given one each.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rhoad proved charming hosts at a tea in honor of Miss Hiers's visitors Saturday evening.

The party with Mr. J. G. Rhoad added spent the day, Sunday, in Charleston and the Isle of Palms. The day was very pleasantly spent, surf bathing adding greatly to its pleasure.

Mr. J. B. Huckabee left Sunday night for his home in Lowndesville, S. C., after spending several days at the home of Mr. J. H. Fender.

Miss Nena Rogers, of Gaffney, left on Thursday for Marion, S. C., where she will spend a few days with friends, after which she will return home.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

A pellagra conference will be held at Chester the 4th of August. Expert physicians will attend from this and other States.

A negro boy seven years old was run over and killed by a train on the Atlantic Coast Line on Tuesday at Congaree, Richland county.

The "South Carolina Chamber of Commerce" was organized in Columbia on Tuesday by representatives from various commercial bodies from different sections of the State.

Magistrate T. S. Dunbar, the man who swore Gov. Blease into office at his inauguration in 1911, died on Monday at his home at Ellenton, Barnwell county. He was a Confederate soldier.

The Charleston board of health is paying two and a half cents each for every rat, dead or alive, that will be delivered at the disinfectant station. The object is to rid the city of the miserable rodents.

A commission has been issued by the secretary of State to the Palmetto Silk Hosiery company of Columbia, with a capital stock of \$25,000. It will do a general business in manufacturing silk hosiery.

Miss Sallie Owens died in Greenville on Wednesday five minutes after eating ice cream. The death was caused by her eating the cream while she was very much heated from working in the kitchen.

The board of trade of Greenville have invited the trustees of Chicora college to meet in Greenville, at the board's expense, the 19th, to consider the question of removing the college to Laurens. Strong efforts are being made to keep the college in Greenville, despite Laurens's offer of \$75,000 and 81 acres of land.

Felder Talks Back.

Atlanta, Ga., July 14.—"I am neither a bully nor a braggart, but I am willing to meet Blease anywhere outside the State of South Carolina and give him any personal satisfaction he desires." This statement was made to-day by Thos. E. Felder on his return to Atlanta after testifying before the special investigating committee of the South Carolina legislature, probing the old State dispensary case at Augusta. The statement was in answer to a declaration made yesterday at Bamberg, S. C., by Gov. Cole. L. Blease in which he said: "I will give any man \$1,000 who will get Tom Felder two feet on this side of the Savannah river and let me be present."

In the statement Gov. Blease also excooriated the members of the investigating committee in bitter terms, adding, "It is against the law to send challenges in South Carolina, but if any member of that committee will come to me and tell me that he believes what Tom Felder said, you won't need any duelling law and Charlie Smith will be your governor." C. A. Smith is lieutenant governor of South Carolina.

Continuing, the governor referred to the lynching of three negroes recently in Olar, S. C., and is quoted as follows:

"You did like men and defended your neighbors and put their black bodies under the ground."

On his return to Atlanta to-day, Mr. Felder was accompanied by E. S. Reed, the detective whose evidence secured with a telephonic device created a sensation at the Augusta hearing.

Mr. Felder stated that he would press even greater charges against Gov. Blease when his term as governor of South Carolina expired.

Peach Seed as Commercial Product.

There is a house in Statesville, N. C.—the J. K. Morrison Company—that wants to buy all the peach seed it can get at 75 cents a bushel. Two years ago, according to the Charlotte Observer, this house bought 15,000 bushels of peach seed. As to whether peach seed could be shipped to Statesville at a profit from this section of course is doubtful; but nevertheless there is a strong hint in the suggestion that this waste crop has a market price, and local business men might do well to make some investigation of the matter. There are thousands of peach seed to go to waste in this country. They can be saved very easily if there is any inducement, and a local market would prove profitable all around.—Yorkville Enquirer.

INSULTED BY BLEASE.

Greenville Men Ordered Out of Executive Mansion.

J. N. King and O. M. Watson, of Greenville, issued the following signed statement yesterday afternoon in Columbia:

J. N. King and O. M. Watson, two citizens of Greenville, came down to Columbia yesterday to see Gov. Blease about granting a 30-day respite to Stake Morris, a negro condemned to die in the electric chair. The two citizens of Greenville met with a rude reception at the mansion of the chief executive and were indignant yesterday over the treatment they had received. Both Mr. King and Mr. Watson are members of the Order of Red Men.

Mr. King and Mr. Watson arrived in Columbia about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and telephoned the governor's mansion to ask if they could come up to see him. They were told to come ahead. They drove to the mansion in a hack. At the governor's house they found, besides his excellency, Sam J. Nicholls, of Spartanburg, and an elderly man, "a relative of Gov. Blease's."

Mr. King and Mr. Watson were taken into a room on the right of the hallway. They talked in a social way for a few minutes and then Mr. King told Gov. Blease that he had come down to see him about granting a 30-day respite to Stake Morris. Gov. Blease told Mr. King that the "sleuths" were after him with "dictaphones" and refused to have anything to do with granting the respite. Mr. King asked Gov. Blease if he thought for a moment that the people would believe that stuff and told him if he refused to grant the respite in this case he was done with him after treating him in the manner he did. Then Mr. King and Mr. Watson left the mansion.

Mr. King and Mr. Watson walked together as far as Main street. Then Mr. Watson persuaded Mr. King to let him go back to see the governor again. When Mr. Watson got back to the mansion he told Gov. Blease he wanted to speak to him a minute. Gov. Blease asked him if it was in regard to the same matter Mr. King had spoken of, Mr. Watson told him it was.

"Then Gov. Blease ordered me to leave his mansion," said Mr. Watson yesterday afternoon. "And I said, 'All right, Mr. Blease!'"

Mr. King said yesterday afternoon: "My feelings have been very much hurt by Gov. Blease and if Tom Felder does not want to come across the Savannah river, then I will accommodate Blease."

Mr. King and Mr. Watson knew Stake Morris well and came to Columbia at their own expense to intercede for the old negro with the governor. Neither of them is a lawyer and they declare that they had nothing to gain from granting the respite.

The above statement is correct:

J. N. KING, Contractor,
Greenville, S. C.

O. M. WATSON,
Metal Worker,
Greenville, S. C.

July 14, 1912.

Blease's Statement.

In an interview in Columbia to-day, Gov. Blease said that he did not care to discuss the incident. He is quoted as saying that one of the men used ungentlemanly language in his home.

Necessary to Go.

"Yes, I really must go to-morrow." "You can just as well stay till Monday."

"But the folks are expecting me." "Telegraph them that you are going to stay."

"I'm sorry, but if I stay I'm liable to lose a thousand dollars on that deal I told you of."

"Oh, pshaw, the deal can wait a few days."

"My manager has written me that my business needs my attention."

"Yes, but he is only afraid to assume a little responsibility. The business will be all right."

"There is an important meeting of the directors that I really must attend."

"Oh, they'll get along all right without you."

"You know how much I'd like to stay but the fact is my railroad ticket runs out to-morrow."

"Well, in that case, I suppose you will have to go. Be sure and come up to see us again in a month or two."

Just received a new line of the latest 10c music. Call for catalog. BEARD'S 5c and 10c STORE, Bamberg, S. C.

\$100 FOR HIS SON'S PARDON

IT TAKES THE CASH TO MAKE MERCY WHEELS MOVE.

Eugene Hogan, Sr., Pays \$100.00 to Colonel on Governor's Staff to Procure a Pardon.

While the grand jury was in session last week, Mr. Eugene Hogan told several fellow members of that body in a casual conversation, that he had paid Col. Walter G. Stubbs, a member of Gov. Blease's staff, \$100 to procure a parole for his son, Eugene Hogan, Jr. In his statement he particularized the following details: That he first consulted Colonel Stubbs in reference to obtaining a pardon for his son; that Colonel Stubbs informed him that he would obtain a pardon, or parole, if he was paid \$100; that he (Hogan) thereupon offered to give Colonel Stubbs his check for \$100, but Colonel Stubbs declined to accept a check, saying that the cash money must be placed in his hands; that he (Hogan) then decided not to pay over the money in advance of the granting of the parole and finally agreed with Colonel Stubbs to deposit the money in the hands of Mr. M. B. Randle, with instructions to pay over to Colonel Stubbs the said \$100 immediately upon proof that Eugene Hogan, Jr., had been pardoned, or paroled by Gov. Blease; that in the pursuance of this agreement he deposited in Mr. Randle's hands \$100 in currency—three twenty dollar bills and four tens—and that when Gov. Blease shortly thereafter paroled Eugene Hogan, Jr., the said sum of money was duly paid over to Colonel W. G. Stubbs.

Those who are interested in the details of the Hogan parole and the reasons assigned by Gov. Blease for the exercise of executive clemency will find the desired information set out in Blease's Book of Pardons, now being distributed for campaign purposes.

The fact that Mr. Hogan had stated to quite a number of people that he had paid Colonel Stubbs \$100 to obtain a pardon for his son was a matter of common knowledge about the streets for sometime, and the fact was communicated directly to the writer twice within the past two weeks. The first time it was asserted that Mr. Hogan had made the statement to an individual, but not in the presence of a witness. The second time the information came from a member of the grand jury, who heard the statement made in the presence of practically every member of that body, Mr. Hogan making the statement voluntarily in a general conversation, and under no pledge of secrecy, expressed or implied.

But the fact becoming known to Mr. Hogan that the substance of his statements had been communicated to the writer, he sent two representatives to this office on Monday, July 8th, to threaten the editor of this paper with serious trouble in the event of the publication that he, Mr. Eugene Hogan, had made the statements above set forth in reference to the payment of \$100 to Colonel W. G. Stubbs in consideration of a pardon or parole, being granted to Eugene Hogan, Jr., by Gov. Blease through the influence of Colonel W. G. Stubbs. The writer was at dinner when they called at his office and therefore did not receive the threats personally, but the threats were made to a member of the office force with the request that the writer be informed. The message was duly delivered. The above is the answer.

In conclusion the writer would suggest to Mr. Hogan that he must be fully aware that the facts of his transaction with Colonel Stubbs are generally known in this community, as the result of statements made by himself to various parties, and that if he was really desirous of keeping secret his financial transactions with Colonel Stubbs, of the governor's staff, he should not have made public the details of the transaction with so great particularity to so many people.—Sumter Item.

Newberry College Reunion.

Editor The Bamberg Herald:—You are cordially invited to our Newberry college reunion at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church, July 31st, 1912. An address at 11 o'clock by President J. Henry Harms, and perhaps others, on Christian Education.

A picnic dinner. All students of Newberry in Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, and Hampton counties are urgently requested to be present.

Cut glass and hand painted china at cost at Herald Book Store.

CHARGES BLEASE GOT GRAFT.

Felder Presents Dictagraph Evidence Against Governor.

Augusta, Ga., July 12.—That the Charleston "blind tigers" contributed to the campaign fund of Blease before the second primary two years ago, that it was an arrangement between Blease and Stothart whereby the illicit whiskey dealers were assessed \$10 per month "protection" money, that Gov. Blease got the "graft" and Stothart a commission for collecting it, were outstanding features of the dictagraph testimony of a man who posed as a gambler by the name of Wilson, but who in reality was Bailey, one of Burns's men, who spent four months in Charleston this year. These statements were contained in the dictagraph testimony of "Wilson" as presented by Thos. E. Felder to the investigating committee this afternoon. "Wilson" furnished Felder with the names of the alleged contributors to the election fund of the governor and also gave startling statements relative to the "graft" which has stirred Charleston during the past few weeks.

"Wilson" obtained the evidence by means of a dictagraph and personal conversation and communicated it to Felder, who presented it on the stand to-day.

The letter from "Wilson" to Felder relative to the campaign funds follows:

"Col. T. B. Felder, Atlanta, Ga.—Dear Sir: Your favor of the 21st to hand and contents noted. I am herewith enclosing list of blind tigers that contributed to Blease's campaign fund. This is not the original list but a copy. I am not sending the original for the reason that it contains a few names that are not blind tigers and I thought best to send the names of the blind tigers only. The Retail Business League is better known in Charleston as the 'Blind Tiger Association.' These names on the enclosed list are correct and the amount opposite each is a correct amount that each one gave towards buying votes in Charleston for Blease. Retail Business League, \$277; Santo Sottile, \$200; Jim Farnum, \$500; Clarence Halsey, \$50; E. F. Ostendorf, \$25; V. Chicca, \$25; J. J. Landers, \$25; George Murphy, \$25; J. W. Hunt, \$25; P. J. Conway, \$25; O. H. Wieters, \$25; James Sottile, \$50; Gus Stuh, \$25; H. L. Koster, \$25; F. W. Mappus, \$25."

Dictagraph testimony of "Wilson" concerning Henry Hasselmeyer as given by Felder follows:

How Protection was Secured.

"Henry Hasselmeyer, whose place of business is near the Market in the city of Charleston, upon being asked how the blind tigers in the city of Charleston were getting on, his reply was:

"We elected Cole Blease governor and we now have full protection." Asked as to the method by which protection was obtained, he stated that shortly after the governor's inauguration the chief of constabulary force was called to Columbia for conference with the governor. In this conference with the governor it was agreed as to the amount that each blind tiger in the city of Charleston should pay monthly for protection.

"On the return of the chief constable to Charleston he called upon the president of the local Brewery and told him that he wished to see him in conference, that he had a proposition to make to him which was authorized by the governor, asking him when it would be satisfactory to see him. The president of the brewery told him that he could see him at any time and in any place that suited. The chief of the constabulary force said that he would come to his home at once. The president of the brewery suggested that this would be an unwise move from the fact that some one might see him. To this the reply was made: 'We don't care who sees us.'"

"He then proceeded to the home of the president of the brewery, where he delivered the message from the governor to the effect that on the consideration of \$10 per month they would extend protection from arrest to blind tigers of Charleston. He also stated that there were in the neighborhood of 350 blind tigers in Charleston and that these were to pay \$10 each during the first week of each month. The president of the brewery asked what disposition would be made of this collection, whereupon the chief constable told him that, under his agreement with the governor, he was to be allowed a commission for collecting and the balance was to be paid over monthly

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